

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:)	Group Art Unit: 3751
William T. Ball)	Confirmation No.: 2017
Serial No.: 10/732,726)	Examiner: Robert M. Fetsuga
Filed: December 10, 2003)	
Atty. File No.: 5564-152)	<u>AMENDMENT AND</u>
)	<u>RESPONSE</u>
Entitled: "Method and Apparatus for Assembling)	
and Sealing Bathtub Overflow and)	<i>Electronically Submitted</i>
Waste Water Ports")	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In furtherance to the Notice of Appeal filed January 4, 2010 and an Examiner Interview conducted on March 3, 2010, Applicant submits this Amendment and Response in response to an Office Action dated September 4, 2009 along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). It is understood that the filing of the RCE and accompanying submission, withdraws the appeal. MPEP §1215.01. Applicant reserves the right to file a subsequent appeal if appropriate.

Please find included herewith a Petition for a one-month Extension of Time, thereby extending the period of reply from March 4, 2010 to April 5, 2010 (April 4, 2010 being a Sunday).

The fees associated with the RCE and for the Petition are being submitted electronically. Although no additional fees are believed due for these submissions, the Examiner is authorized to charge any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.